

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN

GHAZALA SIDDIQUI and MASOOD SIDDIQUI, Individually, and as Personal Representatives of the Estate of RAHEEL SIDDIQUI, Deceased.) Case No.: 2:17CV13351 AJT DRG
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) **DECLARATION OF CINDY V. GRUBB**
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Plaintiff,

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

Defendant.

I, Cindy V. Grubb, declare:

1. Unless noted that my knowledge is based on information and belief, the matters stated in this declaration are true of my own knowledge and, if necessary, I could and would competently testify to them

2. From October 2002 through June 2008, I was the Operations Chief for the Casualty Section, Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps, as an active duty service member. In June 2008, I retired from active duty service and in November 2008 I began working as the Head of Case Management for the Casualty Section. In both the Operations Chief and Head of Case Management roles, I have been involved in Marine Corps casualty assistance, to include direct contact with the Casualty Assistance Calls Officers, and have firsthand knowledge of the benefits and entitlements paid out to next of kin as well as the Marine Corps systems which track such information. As the Head of Case Management, I have a managerial role in casualty assistance and I oversee all benefits and entitlements paid out to next of kin. With the exception of the months of July through October 2008 after my retirement, I have worked in the Casualty Section since 2002.

3. Attached hereto as **Exhibit A** is a true and correct redacted copy of the Casualty Status Report for Private Raheel Siddiqui. The Casualty Status Report is a report generated by our computer systems which serves as an overview of the case. I have worked with Casualty Status Reports since 2002 and

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1 have firsthand knowledge of these types of reports and this particular report for Private Raheel Siddiqui.

2 4. Attached hereto as **Exhibit B** is a true and correct redacted copy of the Casualty Assistance Calls

3 Officer Report for Private Raheel Siddiqui. The Casualty Assistance Calls Officer Report is a more

4 detailed assessment of the assistance provided by the U.S. Marine Corps to the next of kin of a casualty.

5 The Casualty Assistance Calls Officer Report is updated by any member of the Casualty Section or by

6 the Casualty Assistance Calls Officer regularly as the information is received. It details the contact with

7 family members, the entitlements paid out by the U.S. Marine Corps, and includes any other pertinent

8 information relative to a particular case. I have worked with Casualty Assistance Calls Officer Reports

9 since 2002 and have firsthand knowledge of these types of reports and this particular report for Private

10 Raheel Siddiqui. It should be noted that the report has been approved and forwarded the Siddiqui family

11 representative for review and signature. This signature only agrees to the casualty assistance provided

12 by the casualty assistance calls officer (CACO). To this date the CACO has yet to receive the signed

13 copy of the casualty assistance calls officer report from the family representative.

14 5. As noted in Exhibits A and B, Private Raheel Siddiqui's family received a variety of benefits and

15 assistance relating to his death, including but not limited to a death gratuity of \$100,000, life insurance

16 in the amount of \$400,142.04.32, and funeral expenses.

17 I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the

18 foregoing is true and correct.

19 Executed on December 14, 2017 at Marine Corps Base, Quantico, Virginia.

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22 CINDY V. GRUBB

RCS: DAPCX-543

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CASUALTY STATUS REPORT

Case Nr: 581782

Name: Siddiqui, Raheel

DoD ID:

Service: United States Marine Corps

TRACKING INFORMATION

Report Dt/Tm: 2016/03/18 05:45 OPS Interim Dt/Tm: 2016/03/25 07:52 OPS Closed Dt: 2017/02/28

Received Dt/Tm: 2016/03/18 21:38

COD Closed Dt:

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Sex: Male

Religion: Islam

Race: Asian

Ethnic Group: Other

DOB: 1995/12/15

POB: Dearborn, MI

HOR: Taylor, MI

Casualty's Marital Status

Effective Date

Parent's Information

Never Married

Marital Status: N/A

Status Date:

Cust of Service Member:

Div Decree Date:

NOK SUMMARY INFORMATION

Name	Nok Nr.	SUC	DOB	Relation	Notif Date/Time	Deceased?	Dth Gratuity Amount Paid	Date Paid
Siddiqui, Masood M	1	P	[REDACTED]	Father	2016/03/18 21:15	Living	\$50000.00	2016/03/25
Taylor, MI 48180								
Siddiqui, Ghazala T	2	S	[REDACTED]	Mother	2016/03/18 19:10	Living	\$50000.00	2016/03/25
Taylor, MI 48180								

DEATH GRATUITY
REMARKS

DG sent to DFAS 22 Mar 16...ETV

DG DOV 0092536 \$50000.00 03/25/2016 GHAZALA

DG DOV 0092535 \$50000.00 03/25/2016 MASOOD

AO INFORMATION

Grade
ofName
Parrish, Wilmer E. III
(NOK Nrs: 1,2)Rank
GySgt. Organization/Unit
I&I Detroit, MI

Contact Information

Cell Phone : 443-803-2869
Other : SgtMaj. Gregory, Joseph S., work: 586-

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Name: Siddiqui, Raheel

DoD ID:

Service: United States Marine
Corps

239-6019

Unit: I-1 STF 1stBn, 24th Mar, 4th MarDiv, Selfridge ANGB, MI

Email Address :

Duty Phone :

Work: [REDACTED]

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DoD ID:

Service: United States Marine Corps

CASUALTY INFORMATION

Conflict Type:

Operation Incident:

Multi Cas Event:

Event Type:

Personnel Type: Regular

Affiliation: Active Duty

Category: Obligated/Voluntary Service

CAC/BASE:

Incident Type: Nonhostile

Casualty Status: Deceased

Cas Category: Self-Inflicted

Dod Grp: NDS

Inflicting Force:

TNG/Duty: No

Reason: Multiple Trauma

Incident Data/TimePlaceDeath Date/TimePlace

2016/03/18 05:45

Parris Island, SC

2016/03/18 10:06

Parris Island, SC

Vehicle Group:

Vehicle:

Armor Level:

Position in Vehicle:

Vehicle Ownership:

Date DD93 Prepared:

Date Reviewed:

Body Recvd: Yes

Treatment Facility Type: Died Outside A Medical Treatment Facility

CASUALTY TEXT INFORMATION

CIRCUMSTANCES: Determination Pending: Result of injuries received due to falling from a third story building.

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DoD ID:

Service: United States Marine Corps

SERVICE MEMBER INFORMATION

Rank: PVT

Service: United States Marine Corps

Grade: E01

Component: Regular

PMOS: 8011

DMOS: 8011

Basic Branch:

CMF:

Unit: Rct Admin Ctr/Eastern Rct Reg, MCRD, Parris Island, SC

Higher Command:

Duty Status: DTY

Start Dt:

End Dt:

UIC/PAS: 32092

PEBD: 2016/03/07

BASD/ADBD: 2015/07/08

Basic Pay:

RESERVE TRAINING DATES:

Trng Type:

Trng Start Dt:

Trng End Dt:

POSTHUMOUS PROMOTION INFORMATION

Date RecommendedRankPosthumousHigherFor PromotionRecommendedPromotion RankRank Held

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DoD ID:

Service: United States Marine
Corps

**PERSONAL
PROTECTIVE
EQUIPMENT**

No Data Found

CASUALTY ASSISTANCE CALLS REPORT (1770)
PVT SIDDQUI, RAHEEL

Date: 03/24/2016 0609
From: GYSGT WILMER PARRISH III, USMC
[REDACTED]
Phone: [REDACTED]
To: Headquarters Marine Corps
Manpower and Reserve Affairs (MFPC)
2008 Elliot Road, Quantico, VA 22134-5030

Subject: PVT Raheel Siddiqui, USMC
NOK Assisted: Siddiqui, Masood M. (Father)
Ref: (a) MCO 3040.4 (MARCORCASPROCMAN)

1. In compliance with the above reference, the following report is submitted:

A.	Time and date CACO was notified of the casualty 1418 - 03/18/2016	03/18/2016 1418
B.	Date CACO notified Next of Kin (NOK) 03/18/2016	03/18/2016
	Was a chaplain part of the notification team?	No
	Did you provide the NOK with a business card with 24/7 contact numbers?	Yes
C.	Date briefed on CACO duties and responsibilities 03/19/2016	03/18/2016
D.	Death gratuity payment	
	Applied For Mother 50% beneficiary of DG Father 50% beneficiary of DG...cvg DG sent to DFAS 22 Mar 16...ETV	03/22/2016
	Received DFAS EFT payment of \$50,000.00 each...cvg DOV Ghazula 0092536; DOV Masood 0092535...SIP	03/28/2016
	Is the beneficiary a minor? If Yes:	No
	Is a Loco Parentis affidavit required? Date natural guardian affidavit sent to HQMC casualty Date appointment of legal guardianship sent to HQMC casualty	No
E.	Disclosure Form	
	Date Signed by NOK 03/19/2016	03/19/2016
	Date sent to HQMC Casualty Parents have consented to the release of their personal information...cvg	03/19/2016
F.	Date Casualty Assistance Package delivered 03/25/2016	03/25/2016
	Delivered DoD's "A Survivor's Guide to Benefits"	Yes
	Delivered "The Days Ahead - Essential Papers for Families of Fallen Service Members" Binder	Yes
	Date Reviewed "The Days Ahead" Binder with the Next of Kin (As the CACO, you are required to review the Days Ahead Binder with the next of kin, filing all claim forms and reference materials appropriately for future reference): 03/30/2016	03/25/2016
	Delivered DD Form 1300 (Report of Casualty) to NOK	Yes
	Delivered the Gold Star Lapel Button/Lapel Button for Next of Kin of Deceased Personnel	Yes

Date Appointment Letter Signed and Returned to HQMC 03/28/2016		03/28/2016
G. NOK/Beneficiary's current and future address		
H. Date CACO briefed on disposition / mortuary benefits 03/19/2016	03/19/2016	
I. Date PADD briefed on disposition / mortuary benefits Mother designated as the PADD...cvg	03/19/2016	
J. Date reimbursed for funeral or interment expenses There are \$4,010.00 in Mortuary funds remaining. These funds can be used up to two years from SNM's date of death. Please speak with a HQMC Mortuary Rep for specific details...cvg	04/26/2016	
K. Government headstone or marker Applied for FAMILY DID NOT WANT GOVERNMENT HEADSTONE/MARKER	N/A	
Date Placed N/A	N/A	
L. Burial Flag Case Applied For Date Delivered Delivered	03/22/2016 06/28/2017	
M. Floral tribute Applied for THE FAMILY DID NOT WANT FLOWERS.		
Date florist received payment N/A		
N. Utilized Invitational Travel Orders (ITO) Funeral was within local commuting distance to the NOK.	Yes	
Travel to Dignified Transfer Date DD1351-2/EFT submitted to ITO Section Date Travel Claim settled	N/A N/A	
Travel to Burial Date DD1351-2/EFT submitted to ITO Section Date Travel Claim settled	N/A N/A	
O. Name and address of cemetery	WOODMERE CEMETARY 9400 W. FORT STREET DETROIT MI 48209	
P. Unit providing funeral honors (include number of personnel participated)	I&I STAFF 1ST BATTALION 24TH MARINES SELFRIIDGE MI 48045	
	4 MARINES PARTICIPATED AS WELL AS 4 LOCAL POLICE PERSONELL	
Q. Escort (rank, name, unit and telephone number)	SSGT PEARSON RECRUIT TRAINING REGIMENT (717) 419 - 6449	
R. Received civil/overseas death certificate (for CONUS deaths, fax copy of final civil death certificate or final autopsy report with the final manner and cause of death to 703-784-4134	Yes	
S. Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance (SGLI) Applied for Mother designated as 100% beneficiary...SIP Sent SGLI cert to OSGLI 23 Mar 16...TDZ SGLV 8283 sent to OSGLI 6 Apr 16...SIP	04/06/2016	
Received EFT issued to mother for \$400,142.04...SIP	04/12/2016	
Is the beneficiary a minor? If Yes:	No	
Is a loco parentis affidavit required?	No	

Date natural guardian affidavit sent to HQMC casualty
 Date appointment of legal guardianship sent to HQMC casualty

T.	Briefed on SGLI	Yes
U.	Was Beneficiary Financial Counseling Services (BFCS) information provided to SGLI beneficiary?	Yes
V.	FSGLI	N/A
	Briefed on option to transfer	N/A
	Applied for (Active Duty Spouse and/or child)	N/A
	Received On	N/A
W.	Arrears of Pay (AP)	
	Applied For	04/06/2016
	Mother and Father are 50% beneficiaries each. SF 1174 sent to DFAS 6 Apr 16 (Mother + Father)...SIP Claim form submitted...SIP	
	Received	11/08/2016
	DFAS EFT payment of \$150.00 each. DOV 0147805 Ghazala DOV 0147804 Masood	
X.	Received final LES from DFAS	Yes
Y.	Date Basic Allowance for Housing (BAH) received	N/A
Z.	Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP)	N/A
	Applied For	N/A
	Received	N/A
AA.	Thrift Savings Plan (TSP)	
	Applied For	
	SNM did not apply for TSP.	
	Received	
BB.	Social Security benefits	N/A
	Applied For	N/A
	Received	N/A
CC.	Date counseled by the Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA) on survivor benefits The family physically went to the DVA regional office.	06/29/2016
	MGIB / VEAP refund	
	Applied For	N/A
	SNM did not contribute...CRS	
	Received	N/A
	Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC)	
	Applied For	N/A
	Parent's may rate Parental DIC. Please ensure VA representative briefs this benefit and verifies eligibility...CRS	
	Received	N/A
	DVA spoke with the family and they do not rate this benefit.	
	Survivors' and Dependents' Education Assistance (DEA) briefed	Yes
	Briefed on eligibility for Fry Scholarship	N/A
	Briefed on availability of bereavement counseling	Yes
	Briefed on civil service job preference	N/A
	Presidential Memorial Certificate (PMC)	
	Applied For	08/15/2017
	Date Delivered	02/05/2018
DD.	Marine Corps - Law Enforcement Foundation (MC-LEF) Educational Bond	N/A
	Applied For	N/A
	Date Delivered	N/A
EE.	Briefed on Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation Information	N/A
FF.	Briefed on possible need to establish separate bank accounts	N/A
GG.	Date NOK was briefed on investigations being conducted	03/18/2016
	Date Latest Supplemental PCR briefed	05/25/2017

CI Closed. NOK was provided a copy of Command Investigation via Briefing team.

Command Investigation/LODD

Date Requested 03/30/2016

Date Delivered 09/08/2016

CI Closed. NOK was provided a copy of Command Investigation via Briefing team.

NCIS

Date Requested 03/30/2016

20170630: NCIS investigation is pending redaction...cvg

Date Delivered

Safety

Date Requested N/A

Date Delivered N/A

Autopsy

Date Requested 05/17/2016

5/17/2016 The family sent the request.

Date Delivered 07/12/2016

HH. Applied for bonds purchased through allotments by deceased service member

N/A

II. Briefed on mail handling procedures

Yes

JJ. Received new Uniformed Services Identification and Privilege Card (ID Card)

N/A

KK. Briefed on Tricare

N/A

Medical

N/A

Dental plan

N/A

LL. Date Personal Effects delivered to the Personal Eligible to Receive Effects (PERE)

03/28/2016

03/28/2016

MM. Counseled on final government move

N/A

Household goods including POV

N/A

Survivor/family member travel

N/A

Date Unit Funded Orders issued to NOK

N/A

Date DD1351-2/EFT submitted to IPAC

N/A

Date Travel Claim Settled

N/A

NN. Briefed on availability of financial counseling

Yes

OO. Briefed on services available through MCCS

N/A

PP. Briefed on availability of legal assistance to include federal and state income tax implications

Yes

QQ. Provided assistance with commercial life insurance

N/A

RR. Did the service member have a will?

No

SS. Reviewed listing of benevolent and philanthropic agencies with NOK and provided assistance in application process

Yes

TT. Applied for posthumous citizenship?

N/A

UU. Please provide additional comments, observations, and recommendations:

Were you provided sufficient time and support from your command to complete your casualty assistance duties?

Yes

Were there any special requests made by the NOK?

The family wanted autopsy report. Mother requested a personal diary and SSN Card. Contacted RTR and all personal affects have been sent.

What worked well for you during this CACO call?

What (if anything) needs to be changed or looked into for improving the overall CACO process?

Casualty Assistance Calls Officer Signature: _____

DATE: _____

Next of Kin Signature: _____

DATE: _____